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AN ACT to amend Chapter 357 of the Private Acts of 1945; as amended by Chapter 358 of the Private Acts of 1972; Chapter 192 of the Private Acts of 1980 and Chapter 8 of the Private Acts of 1993; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the governmental purchasing system in Bedford County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 357 of the Private Acts of 1945, as amended by Chapter 358 of the Private Acts of 1972, Chapter 192 of the Private Acts of 1980, and Chapter 8 of the Private Acts of 1993, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the first paragraph of such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Be it further enacted, That all purchases or contracts for the purchase of supplies, equipment or material for the use of any official, employee or department or agency of the county government, the estimated value of which shall exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall, except in emergencies or instances as hereinafter provided, be made by the County Purchasing Agent only after he shall have received at least three written competitive, sealed bids for such purchases or contracts for purchase of such supplies,

equipment or materials and such purchases or contracts for purchases shall be made only in accordance with the lowest and best bids or bidders. For purchases or contracts with an estimated value between two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the County Purchasing Agent shall receive three written quotes. Any purchase below two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) shall require the customary purchase order.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Bedford County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of Bedford County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.